

**PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE
AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
FFY 2017 CDBG PROGRAM**

Bedford County (BC) and Bedford County on behalf of (OBO) Bedford Township (BT) will hold Public Hearings as follows: **Bedford Township – August 17, 2017, at 12:00NN, at the Bedford Township Municipal Building, 1007 Shed Road, Bedford PA 15522;** and **Bedford County (known as the Bedford County Planning Commission’s Priority Board meeting) - August 23, 2017, at 10:00AM in Room 303, 200 S Juliana St, Bedford PA 15522.** These meetings are accessible to individuals with disabilities and/or for persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please notify the Bedford County Planning Commission (BCPC) office 72 hours in advance at 814-623-4827 (TDD users, call PA Relay Center, 1-800-654-5984, Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM) or e-mail tstacey@bedfordcountypa.org.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in general, the needs of BC and of BT, and BC’s performance under the previously-funded CDBG Program years, and to discuss the required 3–Year Community Development Plan of BC and BT.

BC and BC OBO BT are expected to receive allocations of \$192,395 and \$76,511, respectively, of 2017 CDBG project funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At least 70% of available funding must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Proposed activities must benefit at least 51% low/moderate-income persons in the service area to qualify as a low/moderate-income project. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development has announced the County’s application submission deadline of November 3, 2017.

The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Program: water and sewer line replacement and improvements; housing rehabilitation; construction of affordable housing; construction/reconstruction of public/community facilities; recreational facilities; public services that are new or provide quantifiable increases in the delivery of services; street improvements; historic preservation; removal of architectural barriers; code enforcement; economic development; acquisition and relocation; clearance and demolition; and general administration, planning, audit if required, and preparation of the CDBG application.

If BC or BC OBO BT were to undertake activities that result in the displacement of families or individuals, then BC and BC OBO BT’s, policy for minimizing such displacement would be in effect. BC and BC OBO BT is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of the use of CDBG funds.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered the opportunity to give oral testimony at the Public Hearing(s) and/or to present written comments concerning the needs of BC or BC OBO BT, proposed CDBG Program activities, the prior use of CDBG funds, as well as the CDBG Program in general. Comments may be submitted to BCPC, 200 S Juliana St, Bedford PA 15522, or emailed to tstacey@bedfordcountypa.org by August 25, 2017 at 4:00PM.

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